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SUBJECT: SCHUETZ COMMENTS ON CURRENT BERLIN PROBLEMS

1. SUMMARY: IN TWO RECENT INTERVIEWS GOVERNING MAYOR VOICED EXPECTATION THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL PURSUE INTEGRAL INCLUSION OF WEST BERLIN IN FRG'S INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKINGS, PARTICULARLY IN CONTEXT CURRENT DIFFICULTIES OVER CONSULAR REPRESENTATION IN TALKS WITH EAST EUROPEAN STATES. SCHUETZ EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO IDEA OF TRANSFERRING IZT FUNCTIONS FROM TREUHANDSTELLE, AND IN SEEKING TO THRUST BURDEN OF PROOF ON GDR WAS MILDLY CRITICAL OF RECENT FEDERAL STATEMENTS ON EXFILTRATION. AT SAME TIME HE SOUGHT TO DISPEL NOTION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FRG AND SENAT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF QA, AND HE CAUTIONED THAT PRESENT DIFFICULTIES SHOULD NOT BE SPOKEN OF AS CRISIS. END SUMMARY.

2. GOVERNING MAYOR TOOK OCCASION OF INTERVIEW WITH "WELT AM SONNTAG", PUBLISHED AUGUST 19, TO URGE GDR TO CEASE QUESTIONING SPECIFICS OF WEST BERLIN'S TIES WITH
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FRG AND TO UNDERSCORE NEED FOR SENAT AND FEDERAL GOVERN-

MENT JOINTLY TO ENSURE WEST BERLIN'S INCLUSION IN ALL INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKINGS OF FRG. WHILE MAKING REFERENCE TO LONG-TIME CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND COMPOSITION OF SPORTS TEAMS, SCHUETZ SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL MENTION DIFFICULTIES OVER CONSULAR REPRESENTATION FRG CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH CZECHS, HUNGARIANS, AND BULGARIANS. HE ASSERTED THAT ARRANGEMENTS STEMMING FROM THESE NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE IN CONFORMITY WITH PROVISION OF QA THAT WEST BERLIN BE REPRESENTED "FULLY AND WITHOUT LIMITATION" BY FRG IN CONSULAR MATTERS.

3. IN INTERVIEW WITH "DIE WELT", PUBLISHED AUGUST 21, GOVERNING MAYOR REITERATED THIS EXPECTATION IF IN SOMEWHAT Milder FORM. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT QA NOT BINDING ON CZECHS, HUNGARIANS AND BULGARIANS, HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS BINDING ON FRG AND HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED AS SUCH BY LATTER. CONSEQUENTLY, TASK BEFORE FRG WAS TO INJECT ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF QA INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THESE THREE STATES WHERE NECESSARY. SCHUETZ TWICE STATED CONFIDENCE THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD ABIDE BY ITS OBLIGATIONS WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

4. IN BOTH INTERVIEWS SCHUETZ EXPRESSED OPINION THAT IZT FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE RETAINED BY TREUHANDSTELLE IN WEST BERLIN RATHER THAN BEING TRANSFERRED TO FUTURE FRG REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN OR SPLIT BETWEEN TWO OFFICES. HE STRESSED THAT SENAT AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WERE AGREED THAT NEW ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN FRG AND GDR SHOULD BRING IMPROVEMENTS AND NOT WORSEN SITUATION. AS HE SAW IT, TRANSFER OF IZT FUNCTIONS WOULD NOT RESULT IN PRACTICAL IMPROVEMENTS; TREUHANDSTELLE WAS TRIED AND TESTED INSTITUTION THAT SHOULD BE CHANGED ONLY ON BASIS OF OVERWHELMINGLY CONVINCING EVIDENCE.

5. ON SUBJECT OF EXFILTRATION, GOVERNING MAYOR CHALLENGED GDR TO SUPPORT ITS ALLEGATIONS WITH CONCRETE FACTS. HE ASSERTED THAT FRG AND SENAT HAD FULLY OBSERVED TREATY OBLIGATION TO PREVENT MISUSE OF TRANSIT ROUTES WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF LEGAL POSSIBILITIES, AND THAT GDR HAD NOT

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BEEN ABLE TO ADDUCE ONE PIECE OF EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY. IN IMPLICIT CRITICISM OF GRABERT'S JULY 29 STATEMENT ON EXFILTRATION (BERLIN 1301), SCHUETZ SAID THAT HE WAS WAITING FOR GDR TO DEMONSTRATE THROUGH PRECISE AND CONCRETE FACTS, AND NOT MERELY THROUGH GENERAL PHRASES, THESIS THAT FRG AND SENAT WERE NEGLIGENT OF OBLIGATIONS IN THIS AREA.

6. IN BOTH INTERVIEWS GOVERNING MAYOR TOOK PAINS TO STRESS THAT QA COULD NOT BE REGARDED AS PANACEA FOR BERLIN'S PROBLEMS; RATHER IT WAS AN INSTRUMENT FOR REACHING, AT MEASURED PACE, ACCEPTABLE "MODUS VIVENDI" WITH GDR AND EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES. DIFFICULTIES PRESENTLY BEING EXPERIENCED IN IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION OF QA, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING FRG-WEST BERLIN TIES, WERE SIMPLY PART OF PROCESS OF ACHIEVING THIS "MODUS VIVENDI." AS MAYOR NEUBAUER DID IN AUGUST 17 INTERVIEW (BERLIN 1423), SCHUETZ EMPHASIZED THAT NO CRISIS WAS AT HAND AND THAT IT WAS FOOLISH TO READ ONE INTO CURRENT SITUATION. AT SAME TIME, HE MAINTAINED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO TRANSLATE ALL ELEMENTS OF QA FULLY INTO PRACTICE. PARTICULARLY IN SECOND INTERVIEW, GOVERNING MAYOR SOUGHT TO DISPEL NOTION THAT FRG AND SENAT DIFFERED ON FUNDAMENTAL POINTS IN INTERPRETATION OF QA. IT WAS QUITE WRONG, HE ASSERTED, TO IMPUTE DIFFERENCES IN DEGREE OF RESOLUTENESS FULLY TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT.KLEIN

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